



Watson-funded report faults city investigation

Says he, alleged harassment victim went 'from romance to remorse'

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – With the election less than a month away, embattled City Councilmember Brett Watson is mounting a forceful effort to restore his public image, tarnished by allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct toward city staff in the aftermath of a DUI/drug bust.

Last week Watson released a new report based largely on the same data previously developed during the investigation by Karen Kramer of Kramer Workplace Investigations (KWI). Conducted by Baker Street Investigations (BSI) at a cost of \$3,000, the new report, dated Sept. 23, 2022 was composed by John Garretson. It draws strikingly different conclusions, and faults the findings of the first report as being biased and unscientifically drawn.

Where the KWI report concluded that Watson had sexually harassed a staff member, the BSI report frames his unusually close friendship with the staff member as consensual and romantic – something he denies. States the report:

“Upon conclusion of this investigation, it appears that a friendship existed in which the scope and direction was unclear. Boundaries, both social and professional were set and disregarded by both parties. Circumstances where any degree of power and authority were exerted upon this relationship are not proven.”

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McK CSD wrestles with raising parcel tax

Jack Durham

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MCKINLEYVILLE – The year was 1992. Boyz II Men's *End of the Road* and Sir Mix-a-Lot's *Baby Got Back* topped the music charts. Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton was elected President of the United States. *The Silence of the Lambs* won five Oscars. The average price of gas in California was roughly \$1.24 a gallon. And in McKinleyville, voters approved

Measure B, which taxed each single-parcel home \$30 a year to help fund the town's then-fledgling recreation department.

A lot has changed in those 30 years, but one thing hasn't – McKinleyville's \$30 parcel tax.

The tax helped fund the construction of Azalea Hall, the McKinleyville Library, the Activity Center and the Teen and Community Center. The parcel tax

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DAZZLING PROCESION These are just a few of the sights beheld during the McKinleyville High School Homecoming Parade as it moved down Central Avenue last Friday, Oct. 7.

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Bongio joins apology but hits at backlash

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's Planning Commission has approved a letter of apology to three tribes for comments made by Commissioner Alan Bongio, who pushed back on accusations of racism by saying that “being so worried about being politically correct” will hinder communication.

An apology letter for “insensitive, racist” and “biased” comments made during an August permit hearing got unanimous approval from the commission, including Bongio, at its Oct. 6 meeting.

But he seemed to disagree with its contents.

Saying he wasn't “trying to make excuses,” Bongio suggested that the backlash against his comments is unconstructive.

“If we don't, at this commission, ask hard questions

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Attempted murder charge after McK'ville stabbing

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

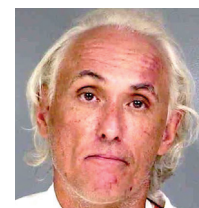
MCKINLEYVILLE – On Sunday, Oct. 9 at about 3:16 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a residence on the 4500 block of Chaffin Road in McKinleyville for the report of a stabbing.

Deputies arrived at the residence and located a 51-year-old male victim with serious injuries and an uninjured adult female.

The victim was transported to a local hospital and is expected to recover.

Upon further investigation, deputies learned that the suspect, 54-year-old David Matthew Bellugue, recently moved in and had been living at victim's residence.

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David Matthew Bellugue

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EUREKA POLICE DEPT.
EUREKA – October is National Pedestrian Safety Month and Eureka Police Department will raise awareness about the safety of people walking throughout the month, emphasizing that “safe drivers, safe speeds and safe vehicles save lives.”
The safety of people outside of vehicles is a significant traffic safety concern, with at least two pedestrians or bicyclists killed on California roads every day. Between 2010 and 2019 in California, pedestrian deaths increased more than 40 percent and bicyclist deaths went up more than 60 percent. In 2020, 6,516 pedestrians were killed in the United States – an average of 18 pedestrians a day and one pedestrian killed every 81 minutes.
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- ing struck by vehicles.
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 - Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a right-hand turn.
 - Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Pedestrians**
- Use signalized crosswalks where drivers expect foot traffic.
 - Watch for approaching vehicles and be careful crossing the street, especially busier streets with higher speed limits. At 30 mph, a driver needs at least 90 feet to come to a stop.
 - Get in the habit of wearing light colors, reflective material and walking with a flashlight at night so it is easier for drivers to see you.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Monday, Oct. 3	.00	00.00	00.00	00.05
Tuesday, Oct. 4	.00	00.00	00.00	00.17
Wednesday, Oct. 5	.01	00.01	00.05	00.22
Thursday, Oct. 6	.01	00.02	00.05	00.28
Friday, Oct. 7	.02	00.04	00.05	00.38
Saturday, Oct. 8	T	00.04	00.06	00.38

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ACROSS

- Spanish hero
- Dinner in the sty
- Root
- Regal wife
- Common verb
- Make laugh
- Slightly open
- State
- Out of ____; cross
- Place full of basket-pushers
- Cereal grain
- Beef Wellington or Chateaubriand
- Parts from right to left?
- Cool drinks
- Trustworthy
- Carrying a gun
- Sampras or Seeger
- Story
- Use gentle persuasion
- Evil one
- Adam's grandson
- Leave ____; make the waiter happy
- Fisherman's item
- Valuable possession
- Erase
- Jay's home
- Make blurry
- Salad ingredient
- Knot-tying words
- Combined
- Death's partner, in phrase
- Pope or Frost
- Delight
- Holey receptacle
- About
- Men's nicknames
- Nincompoops
- Kennedy & others: abbr.
- Baseball bat wood

DOWN

- Louisiana native
- Not suitable
- More urgent
- Humiliated
- Etna's output
- More than
- Expense accounts and company cars
- One who became a president in 1976
- Type of health care provider: abbr.
- Poles and others
- This: Sp.
- Musical symbol
- Level a building: var.
- Word with lip or proof
- Waters, for one
- Feeds the kitty
- Dueling sword
- Rising time, for some
- Plum variety
- Reason to study
- Place of learning: abbr.
- Learn by ____; memorize
- Letter holders
- Force out
- Mah-jongg piece
- Fantasy
- Tiny particle
- Kids
- Virginia and others
- Speedy
- ____ Carta
- Traveler's guide
- Incisors
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- Disease causer
- First wife

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Wet weather, we hope, requires erosion control

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – With the onset of wet weather season, the City of Arcata Environmental Services Department reminds builders that all construction activities causing soil disturbances are required to have appropriate erosion control Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) in place by Saturday, Oct. 15.
State regulations require that BMPs are installed and properly maintained to prevent soil and sediment from leaving construction sites and to assure that only “rain goes down the drain.” Permitted construction projects may also have other special requirements pertaining to wet weather erosion control, and these measures help protect Arcata's creeks, wetlands and Humboldt Bay from stormwater pollution.
For specific BMPs that are suitable for conditions that may occur on a construction site, builders and contractors should consult the *Arcata Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual*, available at the City of Arcata Environmental Services Department Office, the Arcata Library and online at cityofarcata.org by searching “BMP.”
The Environmental Services Department also has a “Construction Site Guidelines for Water Quality Protection” brochure with an overview of construction BMPs. It is available at the City's “Business Stormwater Pollution Prevention Practices” webpage at cityofarcata.org/355/Business-Stormwater-Pollution-Prevention, or by entering the search terms “contractor BMP” at cityofarcata.org.
Contractors and builders who would like to receive this information by mail are asked to contact the Environmental Services Department by phone at (707) 822-8184 or email at eservices@cityofarcata.org.
For more information on proper erosion control methods, stop by the Environmental Services Department at City Hall, located at 736 F St., call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184, or send an email to eservices@cityofarcata.org.

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Arcata Main Street to reveal its new executive director during Arts! Arcata

ARCATA MAIN STREET
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With art, music and evening shopping filling downtown businesses, the Plaza center circle will feature Caribbean Jazz music, a beer garden, local art vendors and our new

director will be announced at 5:15 p.m. sharp.
Call (707) 822-4500 or visit arcatamainstreet.com to learn more.
Arcata Main Street is a non-profit organization that works to create a vibrant downtown Arcata by fostering business vitality, providing opportunities for community events, and organizing projects and initiatives that respond to community needs.

Stabbing | Attempted murder

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At the time of the incident, the victim and the female were reportedly speaking in a private room when Bellugue entered the room and physically assaulted the victim with a knife.
Bellugue then fled the residence.
Sheriff deputies, with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol, searched the surrounding community for Bellugue.
CHP Officers located and detained Bellugue in the area of Clam Beach and Dow's Prairie roads.
Bellugue was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of attempted murder.
Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

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Everyone will remember where they were when the Accelerated Slurry Seal Project was announced

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata is notifying the public that the Countywide Slurry Project and Grind & Inlay Project resumes this week.
As the community may have noticed, there have been two major street resurfacing and rehabilitation projects which have occurred in the past month: the 2022 Countywide Accelerated Cure Slurry Seal Project and the 2022 Grind & Inlay Project.
These two projects were underway, but put on hold due to project scheduling and weather issues.
Both projects were expected to resume on Monday, Oct. 10.
The Countywide Accelerated

Cure Slurry Seal Project will continue, with work hours ranging from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Work will include street sweeping and the installation of thermoplastic striping on the following roads:

Street	Location
L.K. Wood Boulevard	Granite Avenue to 14 th Street
Union Street	11 th Street to Samoa Boulevard
14 th Street	K Street to J Street
13 th Street	K Street to I Street
12 th Street	K Street to J Street, I Street to G Street, F Street to East end
7 th Street	K Street to G Street
F Street	11 th Street to 14 th Street (end)

The Grind & Inlay Project will also continue with work hours ranging from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Work will involve removing and repaving sections of the road along Samoa Boulevard between the Union Street roundabout and



GRIND & SLURRY Left, 10th Street Grind & Inlay Project and right, 12th Street Slurry Project. JAK KIRCHUBEL | CITY OF ARCATA

the U.S. Highway 101 overpass.
Traffic control will include one-way controlled traffic and full-lane closures as needed. Traffic delays should be anticipated as roadwork may impact the flow of traffic at both on and off ramps, so please plan accordingly.
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AHS student arrested after online threats

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – A 14-year-old student was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 5 for allegedly making online threats that resulted in a semi-lockdown of Arcata High School.

The Arcata Police Department responded the campus at about 11 a.m. to investigate the threats, which were posted on Instagram.

School staff and investigators identified the suspect, who was taken into custody, off campus, without incident.

The student was booked into Humboldt County Juvenile Hall on suspicion of making criminal threats.

The threat on Instagram resulted in the school going into what was described by as a “modified lockdown” by Roger Macdonald, superintendent of the Northern Humboldt Union High School District.

Macdonald sent out the following letter before the student was arrested:

“Dear AHS, Six Rivers, and Pacific Coast Parents and Guardians, We apologize for the late notice as this is a rapidly developing situation. Recently we were informed of an anonymous threat posted to an Instagram account that is followed by many AHS students. This threat included a countdown to ‘not come to school,’ with the countdown zeroing out at 1:30 PM today,” Macdonald wrote. “We have been working closely with APD and there is a strong police presence on campus. When students return from lunch, we will be on a modified lockdown for the last block of the day (modified lockdown is doors locked, curtains shut, and students being escorted one at a time by admin if they need to use the restroom); however, we understand if you prefer to pick up your student early — we just ask that you call in their absence to the office so that we know who went home (leave a message if needed). “

In a press release, Arcata Police thanked everyone for their assistance:“The Arcata Police Department would like to thank Arcata High School staff, the FBI Fortuna Field Office, and the Fortuna Police Department for their assistance in bringing this incident to a successful resolution.”

Anyone with information regarding this investigation, or any known school threats, is encouraged to contact the Arcata Police Department’s Investigations Division at (707) 822-2424, or the law-enforcement agency of jurisdiction where the threat is occurring.

MRCH briefly locked down

ARCATA POLICE DEPT.

ARCATA – On Saturday, Oct. 8 at about 11:57 a.m., officers from the Arcata Police Department responded to Mad River Community Hospital on the report of a bomb threat.

While responding to secure the hospital, which had been placed on a lockdown per their protocol, Arcata Communications was able to quickly identify the caller. The caller is known to the Arcata Police Department from previous contacts with them which have consisted of behavioral health assistance. Due to these prior contacts with Arcata Police officers, it was quickly determined that there was no threat to the hospital or community.

Once on scene, the on-duty supervisor for the hospital

was contacted, advised of the situation, and they cancelled the lockdown.

APD officers, assisted by an officer from the Cal Poly Police Department, who have also had contacts with the subject, responded to their residence to conduct a welfare check and assist with any mental health crisis they may be experiencing.

Officers tried repeatedly to make contact and provide assistance to the subject, but they would not leave their residence or communicate with officers.

The Arcata Police Department’s Community Outreach Team is following up with social service organizations in the region to continue providing the community member with any assistance they need.

Old homebrew bomb found

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

WILLOW CREEK – On Oct. 4 at about 7:40 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to a business on the 39000 block of State Highway 299 in Willow Creek for the report of a possible explosive device.

The reporting party told deputies that she had been in possession of the device for some time and wanted to safely dispose of it. The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team was dispatched to investigate. Upon inspecting the device, deputies discovered that it was a live improvised explosive device. Due to the composition of the device and proximity to hazards, adjacent businesses were temporarily evacuated while the device was rendered safe.

The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office would like to remind the public that if you see something suspicious or out of place in your neighborhood, do not touch or move it, but contact your local law enforcement.

JAMES WASHINGTON MONSTER DASH The first-ever James Washington Monster Dash will take place on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 10 a.m., starting and ending at the new Arcata High Track across from the skatepark. \$20 registration/donation fee for 18 and older, \$10 under 18. One hundred percent of the fee goes directly to the major fundraising effort for needed equipment and bleachers for AHS student athletes and supporters. Every registration fee will be matched by a generous Humboldt State alum. The course is three miles, runners and walkers of all ages welcome, and costumes encouraged. Prizes will be awarded. Pre-registration at the Jogg’n Shoppe Arcata or at eventbrite.com/e/james-washington-monster-dash-tickets-428234550067?aff=ebdssbdest-search. On-site registration on Sunday, Oct. 30 is from 8:30 to 10 a.m., but avoid the line and register before. This is an excellent opportunity to get family and friends out for healthy exercise for a worthwhile cause. Additional donations will be accepted at the Dash as well.

Marley and Dino are warm, wise and playful

Don’t these cooler nights make you want to have a warm dog to snuggle up with? We’ve got lots of cuddly dogs for your consideration. Nothing warms up your feet faster than a nice warm dog to tuck them under!

Today we have two cattle dog mixes. The various cattle dogs are known for their smarts and their loyalty to their humans, not to mention a good measure of playfulness on board also. These two fit that description quite well. Both Marley and Dino are also quite good with other dogs.

Marley is just about a year old. She is about 40 pounds and appears to be a black and white border collie mix. Marley is very attentive to the volunteers when they take her out. She knows her name, stays close on a walk, loves her treats and has fun running and playing ball in the play yard. She is eager to learn and nicely treat-motivated.

Marley has had lots of dog friends at the shelter! From little to big, male or female, Marley has been a good buddy to all of them. She would love to have a dog brother or sister to go home with. Marley enjoys exploring new territory on her walks and would make a fine hiking pal.

Marley is one of our dogs that might take more than a 10-minute introduction to get to know, but a little patience at the front end will yield a strong and loyal friend with this girl. We think she’s a lot of fun and look forward to having her find a forever



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal

home that will enjoy her the way we do.

Marley is spayed, microchipped and current on her vaccinations.

Dino is also right around one year old. He weighs in at about 50 pounds and appears to be a tan and brown Australian Kelpie mix. Like Marley, Dino has

lots of dog friends at the shelter, including several recently featured here like his best buddy Scotty.

Dino knows quite a few obedience skills – Sit, Down, and Shake – and is also eager to learn more. Dino got to go on an afternoon outing with volun-

teers last weekend and was very fond of the young teenagers that accompanied him. He came back happily riding between the kids in the back seat!

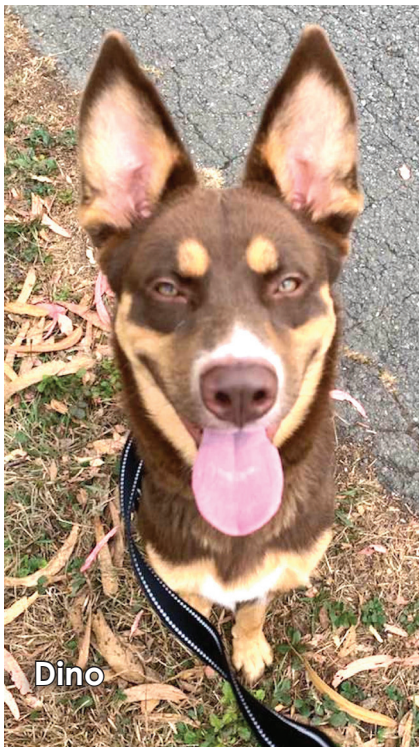
Dino, like Marley, is smart and active and would love a family to call his own. He is neutered, microchipped and current on his vaccinations.

Both of these pups are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. The shelter is still setting appointments to meet the dogs and cats which guarantees a time slot.

Drop-in visits can be arranged if staff are available to show you the dogs or cats that you are interested in. Call (707) 840-9132 for more information or to make an appointment.



Marley



Dino

McK powerhouses to join forces for unity Oct. 26

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – Two major McKinleyville powerhouses will unite Wednesday, Oct. 26 to talk about their differing roles and how they can bring a “united McKinleyville voice to County issues.”

The first-ever joint meeting of the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Board of Directors and the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) will begin at 6 p.m. at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville.

Those interested in attending can do so in-person or via Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is 859 4543 6653. The phone number is 1 (888) 788-0099. No password is required, although you will be asked to type in an email address.

It’s not unusual for municipalities to have their city councils hold joint meetings with planning commissions and other committees. However, because McKinleyville is unincorporated, it’s a different animal.

The MCSD, which has a five-member board elected by McKinleyville voters, oversees sewer, water, streetlights, open space maintenance, parks and recreation.

The County of Humboldt provides police protection (Sheriff’s Office) and has jurisdiction over planning (Planning Department) and roads (Public Works) in McKinleyville.

To give McKinleyville a greater voice, the County Board of Supervisors created the McKMAC in 2012. The McKMAC is charged with advising the county

regarding the services it provides to McKinleyville.

The agenda for the joint meeting calls for a 20-minute discussion about the differing roles, nature and structure of the MCSD and McKMAC.

There will also be a 15-minute presentation on MCSD projects and a 20-minute presentation on “utility capacity issues related to the Town Center and future housing development in McKinleyville.”

The final discussion, about 30 minutes, will be about “bringing a united McKinleyville voice to county issues.”

In an email, McKMAC Chair Bonnie Oliver wrote about the significance of the meeting: “The MMAC has worked cooperatively and with the help of the MCSD board since MMAC’s inception in

2012. Both a MCSD Board member and the MCSD General Manager serve on the MMAC. The MCSD provides meeting space, technology support and other in-kind services that help with the MMAC’s continued functioning. In this first of many future annual joint meetings we will clarify the differences between our roles, responsibilities and structure. We will also present and discuss issues of overlapping concern including MCSD projects, future utility capacity issues and bringing a McKinleyville voice to County issues. It is our hope that our coordinated efforts can better serve our community and will encourage community involvement in working on McKinleyville’s current challenges and future potential.”

Bongio | ‘Inappropriate and traumatic’ comments

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and we don’t delve into things, I think we’re doing just as big of an injustice to the County of Humboldt,” he said. “It is our job to sort through these issues and there’s some things that didn’t add up that night.”

He added, “I think we run a real risk when we’re so worried about being politically correct or – I don’t even know what the term is – woke enough.”

Making an acknowledgment that probably won’t satisfy his critics, Bongio said, “We need to have respect in the discourse and I will say that it was not my best night.”

Sensing that “this could get very, very sensitive,” Planning Director John Ford recommended taking a break. But the discussion continued without escalation.

The situation stems from an Aug. 18 commission hearing on building contractor Travis Schneider’s construction of a mansion in the Indianola area.

Permit violations led to a stop work order, which itself was violated. Protection of tribal cultural resources is one of the concerns and Bongio, who was chair of the commission at the time, objected to its degree of influence.

An agreement between Schneider and three tribes appeared to be firmed up but two of the tribes submitted a letter before the hearing outlining additional concerns.

Representing Schneider, Realtor Tina Christensen accused the tribes of lying.

Bongio followed up on the accusation by suggesting “the Indians” are taking advantage of the process and using cultural resources protection as a lever for stopping the project.

He isn’t referred to in the commission’s letter as the mouthpiece of the comments and instead the entire commission is faulted for “not doing enough to address the problem.”

The Board of Supervisors has censured Bongio. Supervisor Rex Bohn, who appointed him about 10 years ago, agreed to order him to step down as commission chair.

Commissioner Noah Levy served as chair at the commission’s meeting. He said Ford drafted the letter and it was reviewed by himself and Bongio.

During the discussion, commissioners described the situation as highly controversial but there were only two takers for public comment.

One said Bongio merely expressed his views and has nothing to apologize for. The other said the letter “doesn’t go far enough” and Bongio should resign.

Commissioner Peggy O’Neill – who had countered the accusations made during the August hearing – objected to the draft letter’s assertion that “we as the Humboldt County Planning Commission did nothing to address the problem in the moment

and therefore, we are all responsible.”

“I don’t feel responsible for someone else’s behavior,” she said. “What am I supposed to do, jump up and say, ‘That’s the wrong thing to say?’ No – that’s his opinion.”

O’Neill added that she doesn’t believe she’s racist or biased and shouldn’t sign on to a letter that says she’s responsible for those attitudes.

Her concerns led to a re-wording and “(the commission) did nothing to address the problem in the moment” was changed to “did not do enough to address the problem.”

Commissioners had mixed opinions on the scope of the letter. Levy said assigning responsibility to the entire commission was his suggestion because “it seemed more mature and more forceful to not try and parse out that one of us was the offending party.”

All the commissioners approved the letter, which is addressed to the Wiyot Tribe, the Blue Lake Rancheria and the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria.

Without naming Bongio, it says his comments were “inappropriate and traumatic” and that “we as a body unequivocally recognize that these comments were insensitive, racist and inconsistent with the values of the County of Humboldt, biased and understandably may have shaken your faith in the impartiality of this commission.”

The letter also asks for a meeting with tribal leaders to “hear from you, grow in our understanding and seek restoration.”



Alan Bongio

McKMAC seeking details on plans and permits

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION
MCKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee wants more information about planning permits and public works projects in the unincorporated community.

As part of that effort, McKMAC Chair Bonnie Oliver and McKinleyville Community Services District Manager Patrick Kaspari recently sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors and its chair, Virginia Bass.

The letter notes that the McKMAC is tasked with “gathering input from the community and providing advice on matters which relate to services which are or may be provided to the McKinleyville Community Planning Area by the County or other local gov-

ernmental agencies.”

According to the letter, the official “Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Operation of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee includes the following provision under Responsibilities of the County:

“The Planning Division will prepare and distribute the ‘Current Projects Listing’ to the MMAC once a month. This document will include a list of the discretionary permit applications, proposed zoning and general plan petitions and amendments currently under review.

“The Public Works Department will prepare and distribute a ‘Current Projects Listing’ to the MMAC once a month. This document will include a list of the proposed road and other in-

frastructure projects currently under design and implementation within the MMAC area, with sufficient detail for the MMAC to anticipate potential conflicts with existing or anticipated MCSD infrastructure.”

When the McKMAC first started meeting about a decade ago, these reports were sporadically provided to the committee, then both Planning and Public Works stopped doing so.

“The MMAC requests that you ask Humboldt County Planning Division and Public Works Department to resume providing the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee with monthly Current Projects Listings to help us continue our work of being a source of information for and input from our community,” the letter states.

MCSD selects James Biteman as newest member

Jack Durham
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MCKINLEYVILLE – A retired business professor who has lived in McKinleyville for more than two decades will join the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors.

James Biteman, who retired in 2014 after 23 years at Tulane University in New Orleans, was selected for an open seat by the MCSD board at its Oct. 5 meeting.

There were three open seats on the MCSD which would have been decided during an election on Nov. 8. However, only two incumbents, David Couch and Dennis Mayo, signed up before the deadline. Joellen Clark-Peterson de-

cided not to seek reelection.

Last month, the MCSD advertised for the open position and received letters of interest from Biteman, Kevin Jenkins and Tyson Sanchez.

Jenkins is the owner of McKinleyville Ace Hardware and serves on the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee. Sanchez grew up in McKinleyville, is a U.S. Army veteran and works in information technology.

“I’m really impressed with these three candidates,” said MCSD Board member Dennis Mayo.

At the Oct. 5 meeting, MCSD board members were given pieces of paper and asked to select their first, second and third

choices amongst the three candidates.

Biteman was the favored candidate, followed by Jenkins, then Sanchez.

Sometime after the Nov. 8 election, the Board of Supervisors will be asked to appoint Couch, Mayo and Biteman to the MCSD board. Their four-year terms begin in January. They will join board members Greg Orsini and Scott Binder.

According to Biteman’s LinkedIn page, he also worked as a lecturer at Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt) and ran a consulting firm, Redwood Executive Training and Development, LLC, which worked with “PVCG-China (a China-resident consulting firm) to

provide top management training and development for the Shanghai Metro System.”

In his application letter, Biteman wrote “I believe in McKinleyville as a community. While I would not expect my perspectives to be new to the board, I would enjoy any opportunity to work on and support community development. I would hope to bring a sense of community that will complement the work of MCSD, as I have in other communities – Troy and Saratoga Springs, New York, for example.”

The MCSD oversees water, sewer, streetlights, open space maintenance, parks and recreation in the unincorporated community.

Watson | Suicide intervention was ‘extraprofessional encounter’

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The BSI report goes further, questioning investigator Karen Kramer’s methodology, credibility and qualifications.

Under a heading of “HYPOTHESIS [sic] TESTS” BSI asserts that Kramer was biased in her reporting on the allegations. Despite having made a show of professionalism, says the Watson-funded report, Kramer succumbed to what it calls “expectation bias” but which could also be confirmation bias – cherry-picking data to support pre-formed conclusions.

As for Kramer, the BSI report throws shadow on her roles as a workplace investigator and attorney during preparation of the initial report, suggesting ethical conflicts. Advises BSI’s Garretson, “I would urge Mr. Watson to seek legal representation to determine whether Karen Kramer was acting within or outside of the course and scope of her state licensing requirements.”

Character references

The BSI report begins with several anonymous interviews of associates who are sympathetic to Watson, explaining his problems as the product of personal tragedy – the loss of his father, which led to irrational behavior.

“He’s a good guy with honest intentions who went through a rough patch,” states one friend.

“To me, it takes 2 people to get into an argument and if they’re going to blame Brett, they should blame this other person too,” states another unnamed friend. “It’s a bunch of baloney.”

Another anonymous friend watched City Council meetings “when Brett is on there because I believe what he says and not what the other people say.”

All in all, five associates responded to BSI’s inquiries, though two did so only by way of declining comment. Seven name-redacted individuals are listed as attempted, unsuccessful contacts.

The BSI report then combs through the Kramer report’s claims of misconduct, providing analysis that characterizes them as unsubstantiated.

Reciprocity and equivalence

A recurring theme is one of equivalence between Watson and his alleged victim insofar as their personal relationship.

The report cites the account of Watson and his alleged victim attending a conference in Sacramento, when he expressed suicidal thoughts after drinking heavily.

At that, the alleged victim and another city official attempted an intervention, sitting up with Watson in a hotel room and trying to persuade him to get professional help.

This, asserts the BSI report, “infers a reciprocal extraprofessional relationship.” It later refers to the emer-

gency suicide intervention as “a mutual extraprofessional encounter.”

In its rehash of the Sacramento incident and other matters, the BSI report appears to exercise its own form of selectivity. It relies on witness testimony it says supports Watson’s innocence, but disregards or ignores damaging testimony from the same witnesses.

For example, the two individuals present during the Sacramento events had also related a detailed account of Watson aggressively berating the alleged victim to finish a bottle of wine with him at the hotel on the same night, ignoring her repeated refusals and continuing to badger her to do so.

Finally, related the witness, the alleged victim raised her voice, “speaking sternly to him to tell him that she was not going to drink wine with him.” This, the witness said, was the alleged victim’s attempt at “setting a boundary.” No mention is made of this incident in the BSI report, nor any exonerating explanation offered.

In contrast, the alleged victim’s testimony that Watson had told her he has “strong feelings” and a “crush” on her, and that “these feelings are really deep,” is also ignored in the BSI report.

The BSI report cites the alleged victim’s consenting to walks with him and texting vacation photos, as evidence of equivalent interest in a relationship.

The BSI report suggests ulterior motives by those offering testimony critical of Watson. It lists as “plausible” that one of the critical witnesses was motivated by personal gain.

Witness E, the new report asserts, was promoted due to this complaint and “appears to have benefited from the issuance of this allegation...” It notes that the witness is the alleged victim’s “direct subordinate.”

But the report downplays any effects of the same power dynamic between Watson and his alleged victim – that she is his direct subordinate, with her employment contingent on the continued approval of the City Council and its individual members.

Suggestions that Watson abused his power over a subordinate as dismissed as unsubstantiated.

Nor does the new report touch on the KWI report’s testimony that Watson micromanaged and behaved inappropriately toward city staff – an allegation that formed part of the basis for the City Council’s “no confidence” vote in Watson..

‘Final Hypothesis’ accuses Watson

In its “Final Hypothesis” section, the BSI report presents tentative explanations of the case, saying they “may be related to this event” but adding that they can’t be considered factual without further evidence.

Despite the BSI report’s strenuous,

almost acrobatic efforts to exonerate Watson, it presents one possible narrative that undermines one of his core defenses – that he had no romantic interest in the victim.

The report hypothesizes that “this was a mutual friendship that evolved through romance to remorse.” However, there is no documentation in the report of any romantic interest in Watson by the alleged victim.

In May, Watson wrote in a letter to the editor that “The report said I had a romantic interest in this staff member which is absolutely false.”

Watson challenged the BSI report’s romantic-phase hypothesis based on information presented in the original KWI report. Stated Watson: “I trust the investigator’s abilities but in this instance I never felt that we had a romantic relationship. I always felt we had a very close friendship, and as noted in the 602 page report, we both referred to our relationship as being brother and sister.”

The hypothesis section further asserts, “Watson actions explained [sic] by mental health difficulties.” It deems “plausible” that the alleged victim “exaggerated her discomfort for some gain,” but then notes that the accusation is essentially unfounded.

“Further investigation and witness participation would be needed to confirm any hypothesis singularly or in combination,” the report states.

Conclusions

The report concludes that Watson and the alleged victim has an unusually close friendship, with both parties breaking boundaries.

City response

The city’s attorney, Tom O’Connell, offered this response to the Baker Street Investigations report:

“I’ve had the chance to read the report that Mr. Watson commissioned that ironically claims that the Kramer Investigation had an expectation bias but I cannot tell if the investigation he posted on his website is the complete investigation report.

“For instance, it includes transcripts from the interviews of Mr. Watson’s character witnesses but does not include any transcript from the investigator’s interview of Mr. Watson or any person with direct knowledge of the allegations for that matter.

“With that said, Ms. Kramer is a well-respected member of the investigation community and her report states that she reached her conclusions based on hundreds of pages of documents and interviews with relevant people who have direct knowledge of the allegations against him – people that Mr. Watson’s investigation presents as credible. The two investigation reports are incomparable.”

Watson: city investigation was ‘poorly done’

Note: the following is City Councilmember Brett Watson’s unedited statement on the new report. –Ed.

New Report Finds City of Arcata Spent \$15,000 on Unlicensed Investigator to Produce Biased Investigation into Councilmember Brett Watson

Statement from Brett Watson:

Dear Community,

The City-funded investigation into me earlier this year was incredibly problematic, ignored crucial facts and evidence, and inaccurately portrayed the events of what happened between me and a City employee. In my determination to provide the truth to the public, I hired an experienced and licensed Northern California investigator, Baker Street Investigations (BSI), at my own expense, to conduct a new independent and unbiased investigation into why the City-funded Kramer Workplace Investigations (KWI) (owned by Karen Kramer) was so poorly done, and what really happened.

Unlike the Karen Kramer (KWI) report, Baker Street Investigations used a professionally accepted scientific approach and found significant problems with Kramer Workplace Investigation’s entire report. Some of BSI’s findings in their 17-page report are as follows:

-According to the California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, Karen Kramer is not a licensed investigator.

-It appears that Karen Kramer (KWI) experienced Expectation Bias in her reporting.

- “...Although outward appearances tend to indicate a dedication to thoroughness and professionalism...the substance on which KWI conclusions were formed was insufficient for investigative use.”

- “The preponderance of allegations appears to remain supposition, hypothesis, postulation, speculation, and/or assumption.”

- “Witness statements, including Complainant, fail to show that Watson used his position of authority to leverage compliance with his requests for ongoing contact of a personal nature.”

-The City of Arcata is in violation of the California Public Records Request Act by refusing to turn over public documents and audio recordings pertaining to this investigation.

-A City staff member who is currently under investigation for misconduct during the investigation into me, was also the person who selected Kramer Workplace Investigations.

-A witness implies that the employee may have had a similar relationship with one of her subordinates which may have resulted in the termination of her subordinate. (This is currently under investigation.)

It appears as though the City investigator failed to use any professionally recognized methods used by licensed and trained investigators to form her conclusions, resulting in a poorly done and biased report.

Please don’t let the media form your opinions for you. Please use your own judgment of the facts to form your own conclusions. There are many more details to this story and I implore everyone to read the full version of my summary and a timeline of events on my website www.BrettWatson.org, as well as the new 17-page investigation report.

I’m deeply sorry to everyone in our Community who’s been affected by this and I ask for your forgiveness for my role in this. I was in a state of very poor mental health, and I lost sight of my duties as a council member. I also apologize to those of you who may have been retraumatized by this with memories of past experiences you may have had. I’ve worked tirelessly this last year to heal myself. As I approach one year of sobriety on October 17th, I see things clearer now than I’ve ever seen them.

Again, please read my full-length summary on my website www.BrettWatson.org, and if you have any questions, you can always reach me directly at: Brett@BrettWatson.org.

Sincerely, Brett Watson



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ARCATA – Last weekend saw the appearance of new, ANYONE BUT BRETT 2022” bumper stickers on stop signs downtown. The stickers’ origins aren’t publicly known. Watson offered the following unedited response to the stickers’ appearance:

“Two of my supporters called me and told me about them today. They both said they immediately removed them for me. I spoke with Arcata Police about it and now the community is on the lookout for this person. The message doesn’t bother me because I respect freedom of speech, but you don’t get to exercise it by defacing other people’s property. If someone wants to express their political views then I encourage them to do so by writing a letter to the editor or in a public forum. After the release of my new investigation report (available on my website BrettWatson.org), I’ve been reassured by voters that they’re happy with how I’m doing my job and that I seem to be the only council member listening to them right now. Yard signs are going up, donations are coming in, and people are asking me how they can help. What the people trying to tear me down don’t realize is that hateful actions like these stickers only serve to galvanize my supporters and to further motivate me to keep working hard for Arcata. For every person removing these stickers, I’m offering a donation to a charitable cause of their choosing.”



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Surviving the seriously seasonally affective fog

Another foggy morning in McKinleyville... I've almost given up on seeing the sun again unless I head toward Blue Lake or Willow Creek. Thoughts of anything except going back to bed with a trashy book or crappy TV seem better than having to drive to see the sun. So, yes, I was a little cranky this morning, at lunch, and but by this afternoon I'm over it.

After an amazing lunch at the Alibi, I went to the office of the Mad River Union to regift a giant portrait of Arnold and Maria when he was governor of California. This portrait hung in a variety of public places when he was the current governor and it's lived with me for quite a while. Still can't remember why I had it, but I found the perfect place for it among the treasures that fill the office of Jack and Kevin at the MRU. What a treasure trove of local his-

tory they have collected! Their office is not large, but it's filling up. Arnold and Maria got a new home just in time.

Jack and I started talking about gadgets and he remembered a column I wrote about useful things during a blackout or when getting up in the middle of the night. Some of these things are only available during trick or treat season at the dollar store. There are little Halloween glow sticks that you snap, and they light up. Great for following a path to somewhere when there's no power. They also have battery-operated candles and other light up stuff. A treasure trove. My favorite has been battery operated motion sensor lights. The small circles are magnetized with stick-on tape on the back so you can place them anywhere. I have a couple stuck to

the side of my washing machine and they light up when I go down the steps. I've changed the batteries once in two years. The illumination isn't very bright, but it reminds me to grab the handrail. These little gadgets are great inside a dark closet. They only light up when you open the door. And solar phone and flashlight chargers are available anywhere. This year rooftop solar panels and storage batteries help me feel safer and less afraid. Plus, my neighbors don't have to haul a generator over here. They are so kind and generous but living near to me must be like having your dumb teenager move in next door.

Blackouts are not as frequent since we separated from the Mendocino grid, but they happen. Days are getting shorter and S.A.D. Seasonal Affect Disorder is popping up in conver-

sations. No one wants to be crabby, snappy, moody, sleepless or anxious for months. Please don't ignore S.A.D. Get out in the sunshine when you are able, take a good daily dose of vitamin D, visit with friends, play cards or bingo at the Senior Center, go to the gym, walk with friends. Try some delicious little goodie you shouldn't eat and cheer someone up who just may be crankier than you. And it always feels good to make someone else laugh.

Please support your local media, Subscribe and support Mad River Union, the Senior News, plus Northcoast Journal, KEET TV and our local radio and TV stations. We are a population served by so much more than other communities our size. All are almost an endangered species.

Call or text Patti Stammer (707) 845-2817 or mckpatti@gmail.com for questions, comments or witty remarks. If I don't answer, please leave a message... I may be out looking for sun.



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Trinidad hears its City Council options

A City of Trinidad Candidates' Voter Forum moderated by the League of Women Voters will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in Trinidad Town Hall.

There are four nominees to fill three City Council seats. Candidates are incumbents Cheryl Kelly and Jack Tuttle, both of whom were appointed this year to fill council vacancies, Mike Morgan and Kati Breckenridge.

The candidates will present opening and closing statements and answer written questions from the audience.

Under discussion will be Measure P, which would increase the Tourist Occupancy Tax in the City of Trinidad.

The Voter Forum is an ideal opportunity for every registered voter in the city to ask council candidates about matters consistently before the council such as public safety, water resiliency, short-term rentals, public trails, government to government negotiations with tribes, city budgets and finances, progress on the updated General Plan, public works projects, past and present coronavirus policies, and the myriad issues which face public spirited City Council volunteers.

The general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

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DIPLOMATIC CORPS Left, Cal Poly Humboldt's Public Safety Ambassadors. Right, the City of Arcata's new Community Ambassadors, introduced by Arcata Community Outreach Team (ACOT) Sgt. Luke Scown at last week's Chamber Mixer. LEFT PHOTO VIA CAL POLY HUMBOLDT; RIGHT PHOTO VIA ARCATA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Arcata, Cal Poly deploy ambassadorial assets

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – The University Police Department hired Public Safety Ambassadors, a group of Cal Poly Humboldt students who are dedicated to promoting a safe campus community.
The Public Safety Ambassadors work with UPD to welcome people at the front counter, provide service, complete livescans, and connect with the campus community while patrolling the main campus, housing facilities such as the Comfort Inn, and other satellite facilities.

PSAs are also providing shuttle transportation for students to and from the Comfort Inn. PSAs are identifiable by a uniform but will not be armed. PSAs are also available to provide student safety escorts.
The hiring is part of ongoing efforts to build healthier relationships between UPD, students, staff, faculty, and the community. For example, UPD recently launched the Community Services Specialist position. Other examples include the Campus Safety and Policing Committee which includes students, staff, and faculty

committed to campus safety.
The committee is seeking student membership. Reach out to Associate Dean of Students Molly Kresl at mollyk@humboldt.edu or (707) 826-3504 if you are an interested student.
The Public Safety Ambassadors are happy to provide service or connect the community with the best resources. As always, anyone can call UPD at (707) 826-5555, come by the UPD station in the Student & Business Services building, or talk with an officer, community service specialist or PSA on campus.

Measure B | \$30 in 1992 would be \$62.57 in 2023 dollars

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has also been used to help pay to operate and maintain Pierson Park and the Hiller Sports Complex.
While McKinleyville Recreation Department has grown, the tax has not.
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website, \$30 in November of 1992 has the same buying power as \$62.57 in August 2022.
So if the McKinleyville Community Services District wants its Measure B revenues to simply keep up with the past 30 years of inflation, the tax would need to be more than doubled.

However, the MCSD's recreation facilities are growing. In the next year or two, the MCSD will take possession of a 553-acre community forest on the east side of town. The forest extends from Murray Road to Hunts Drive.
Next year, a new BMX track and park will be completed on School Road near Washington Avenue. These facilities will add to the district's maintenance responsibilities.
For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Measure B is expected to result in revenues of \$221,305, which is about 12 percent of the annual park

expenditures of \$1.8 million, according to an MCSD staff report.
A financial report prepared by Willdan Financial Services indicates that in order to balance the park department's budget, the \$30 tax would need to be increased to \$93.88 a year.
MCSD Manager Patrick Kaspari told the MCSD board at its Oct. 5 meeting that despite the Willdan Financial Services recommendation, he was not recommending the increase at this time.
"There's never a good time to ask people for more money," Kaspari said.

Instead, Kaspari suggested that the board hire Godbe Research to conduct a community survey to determine what residents are willing to pay.
"It is unknown at this time whether the Community would be willing to pay more than the \$30/year, but if so, are they willing to pay \$35/year? or \$40? or \$93.88? This survey will help to answer that question," Kaspari wrote in a report to the board.
The board voted unanimously to hire Godbe to conduct the survey, which will cost from \$26,275 to \$28,350.

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA –A two-year pilot program has resulted in a squad of new community ambassadors. Introduced during last week's Chamber of Commerce mixer at Septentrio Winery, the goodwill ambassadors will offer information on food and shopping options as well as civic events. They advocate for those in need of services by directing them to local organizations that can provide assistance. Their training which includes theory and method, cultural awareness, conversation mechanics/ de-escalation and walking in retail areas and interacting with community members.
Ambassador duties include greeting people, directing shoppers to retail outlets, highlighting sales or specials and conducting light clean-up and graffiti removal as well as reporting more complex cleanups to city staff.

Arcata reducing single-use disposable foodware

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata is committed to reducing waste from single-use disposable foodware. The Arcata City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1527 in February 2020 to establish regulations related to single-use disposable foodware items.
The ordinance is meant to reduce the number of single-use plastic items that contribute to street litter, marine pollution, wildlife injuries, greenhouse gas emissions, and landfill waste. The ordinance is applicable to all food service establishments including, but not limited to:
• Restaurants, grocery stores, bars, cafes, food vendors, and cafeterias. The city has provided outreach to food service establishments to assist in this transition.
Ordinance No. 1527 requires that disposable foodware be composed of fiber-based compostable material and that accessory foodware (e.g. utensils, straws, etc.) are only available by request. It also allows for customer-owned containers, which are clean,

dry and constructed for reuse, to be filled by food services establishments. If customers bring reusable foodware for to-go food, they will receive a 25-cent discount on their order. Customers who utilize the non-reusable containers and accessory foodware from food vendors should expect a 25 cent fee on the order.
Ways to reduce single-use disposables:
• Support local restaurants by communicating ahead of time about which containers are appropriate for an order.
• Carry appropriate reusables when going out to eat or attending a festival. Always be prepared.
• Spread the word to friends and family and encourage others to bring reusables too.
The fee and discount portion of the ordinance are under delayed enforcement until January 2023. All other aspects of the ordinance are fully enforceable.
Visit cityofarcata.org/885/Disposable-Foodware-Regulations or call Environmental Services at (707) 822-8184 and eservices@cityofarcata.org.

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- Continue support of economic development in our town by funding projects and programs complementary to the efforts of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce and Arcata Main Street;
- Promote energy efficiency upgrades for City facilities

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Approved by voters five times since 1993, the Utility Users Tax assesses a 3 percent tax on natural gas, electricity, video and cable TV, telecommunications (including basic landline, long distance and cell phone service), water and wastewater services. The Excessive Electricity Use Tax (EEUT) assesses a 45 percent tax on residences that use more than 600 percent of baseline electricity, affecting fewer than 60 residences in 2021. It has decreased residential energy use by 9.3 percent from 2014 levels. Arcata's UUT's generate \$980,000 annually.

WHAT'S MEASURE L?

Arcata voters will see Measure L on their General Election ballot on Nov. 8. Measure L asks whether to renew the Utility Users Tax (UUT) and its component portion, the Excessive Electricity Use Tax (EEUT), for 12 years. Voting YES on Measure L renews funding for essential local services. A NO vote on Measure L means possibly eliminating police officer street outreach and public safety positions, with fewer pothole repairs, delayed road resurfacing, reduced parks maintenance and significant Recreation program elimination.

Measure L doesn't raise taxes. It renews the UUT/EEUT with NO INCREASE to the current rate, only an extension that locks in funding for essential local services for the next 12 years, making Arcata a safer and more livable community and improving the quality of life for all residents.

Keep Arcata Arcata. Yes on Measure L

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT
BY ALEX STILLMAN
PHOTO BY BRITTON LATHAM

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❖ In the name of all that's holy, not to mention mom and apple pie, won'tcha please sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to opinion@madriverriverunion.com.

Understanding climate change means seeing the world with new eyes

Most of us have been made aware of climate change and some of its destructive effects that are taking place today and are predicted for the future. But navigating all this information can be difficult. After all, climate change is a natural phenomenon that requires multidisciplinary studies and practice to fully understand. About a year ago I decided that I would do my best.

I became an executive committee member of the North Group Sierra Club, signed up for a climate change class at Cal Poly Humboldt last spring and I am presently taking an OLLI class in sea level rise.

I already had some environmental background- with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Resource Planning and Interpretation from Humboldt State University, certifications to be both an interpretative guide and to teach environmental education, as well as Interpretive work through the California State Parks.

But understanding climate change and absorbing what it means for us on the North Coast still seems daunting. After all, how do you correlate changes in climate patterns with human societies, other species, historical records, thermodynamic laws, ocean circulation, sea level rise, carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane, etc.?

I am not an expert on climate change. My intent with this monthly column is to explore where we are with it today, what is being done or not done about it,

how we can get more involved and what it means for the North Coast and all who live here (for all sentient beings). I want to interview real experts to gather information that I may share with you.

How we deal with climate change is a big deal. Will we be properly prepared through mitigation and adaptation, or only motivated after we have little time to act (think of Hurricane Ian)?

Last year I participated in a Zoom class that was taught by Yosemite National Park Ranger Kara Stella on resilience in climate change. It was attended by many environmental leaders from California, Illinois, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Carolina, Texas and even Canada. I will never forget how many of them cried when they reflected on their anxiety about climate change.

There are so many questions being asked such as:

1. What about climate change and justice? Recently, I attended a climate change rally on the Arcata Plaza called Fridays for Future. One of the speakers, Jamie Blatter of 350 Humboldt (an environmental organization), touched on this point: "Justice must be at the center of every conversation of climate change. Those that are contributing the least to climate change are suffering the worst impacts due to the emissions from wealthy countries."

2. What kind of impact will climate change have on younger generations? At the same rally Jules Tatum from Cal Poly Humboldt challenged us: "I stand before you, 18 years old, a freshman in college, begging you to open your eyes and see what has become of our planet. Begging you to take action before my life is cut in half. Begging you to let my generation live out a full life, begging you to give me the option of having kids before their lifetime is stolen from them too."

But there are also those who believe climate change is a hoax. After all, there has always been climate change. Even so, for 9,000 years Earth was relatively stable – our Goldilocks planet was neither too hot nor too cold.

The national and California state parks held a Summer in the Redwoods fair this last June in Prairie Creek. In a climate change demonstration, I attempted to show a 9,000-year timeline to visitors with a 30-foot tape measure. Each foot represented 300 years.

I extended the tape until it reached almost 29 feet to illustrate how long it took when the modern agricultural revolution happened and 29-1/2 feet for the industrial revolution, both of which contributed to climate change. Now I was nearly at the end of the tape measure.

By 1950 CO₂ levels were measured at 310 parts per million (ppm) and continuing to rise quickly at a rate of about 2 ppm each year. World population was at 2.5 billion. Today the human population is surging to 8 billion, and by June 7, 2022, CO₂ rose to 421 ppm.

It took only 172 years after human-made revolutions in agriculture and industry to get us here.

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) global temperature is on track to rise 4.5 to 8 degrees F by 2100. But the agency still believes we can make a difference with the

about it? Their answers were obvious – through education, personal discussions and behavioral change.

We all have our own sources of beliefs which can include faith, personal experience, authority, logic and experimentation. But those of us who live here should be open to new ideas.

I have learned that being fully conscious requires seeing with new eyes. This has also been true for me as an outdoor photographer. I usually take my best images when I am in a new landscape because I am seeing it for the first time.

My intent with this monthly column is to explore where we are with climate change today, what is being done or not done about it, how we can get more involved and what it means for the North Coast and all who live here.

actions we take today. Scientists believe that to slow global warming, we need to reduce atmospheric CO₂ levels to 350 ppm.

I spoke with three local climate activists recently. I don't want to share their names because they were interviewed for a different project I was working on. However, they did not all agree that local people are concerned about climate change. So, I asked how we could best reach out to people

We need to act now. If we don't, are we just killing time before it's too late? So how do we begin?

St. Francis of Assisi taught that one could start by doing what is necessary, then do what's possible so that suddenly you are doing the impossible.

I hope you can join me on this monthly journey. Together we can learn how to make a difference. After all, we are all in this together.

Founders inducted into Humboldt Classics Senior Softball Ass'n Hall of Fame

Paul Woodland

SPECIAL TO THE UNION

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too."

– Lawrence "Yogi" Berra

The concept was first cooked up by a pair of considerate gentlemen, Bert Steel and Stan Elcock, over 30 years ago. The basic idea was to create a safe environment for seniors who wanted to continue playing softball (the game they loved) well into their golden years. At first, it was just wishful thinking, but like C. S. Lewis once wrote, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

Thus inspired, Stan and Bert started getting together to hash out the guidelines, by-laws, and code of conduct for their new vision – a non-profit organization solely designed for senior softball players.

The idea culminated in 1993 with the formation of the Humboldt Classics Senior Softball Association (HCSSA). It's a wood bat, slow-pitch softball league for people sixty and upward who want to enjoy a healthy outdoor activity in a safe and friendly environment with their peers. The concept was now a fully baked reality.

The association has morphed through the years, like any good recipe, but key association members Bob Kristic and Bill Brittain have been actively involved with guiding the league through its evolution into a healthy and vibrant group of six teams.

There are over one hundred active players, ranging in age from 58 to 85 years old, enjoying the benefits of their efforts. Bob and Bill never lost sight of the organization's core values of safety, friendship and



Bill Brittain



Bob Kristic

fun established by forebears Stan and Bert. They have fostered the group, right up to its 30th season, with wisdom, compassion and humor.

The efforts of Stan, Bill, Bert and Bob have not gone unnoticed and they will all be honored for their contributions by the association with a ceremony commemorating their induction into as the newly created HCSSA Hall of Fame. The fact that the HCSSA continues to this day is a testament to

their vision, thoughtfulness and dedication.

This is not your typical Hall of Fame for softball players. These senior athletes were not evaluated solely by statistics such as their batting average or the number of home runs they hit. The use of sabermetrics (launch angle or WAR) did not figure into the decision. And the number of wins accrued or trophies placed on the mantel was not a determining factor either.

Oh sure, athletic ability is a consider-

ation for induction but these inductees were chosen based on their contributions to the association both on and off the field.

The determining factors were; how instrumental was the candidate in fostering the association's principal values, did they adhere to the league's code of conduct (sportsmanship), longevity is a factor, too – 10 years or more in the league – and finally, how well they helped promote and foster the growth of the HCSSA.

It's like the inscription on the Hall of Fame plaque says, "In recognition of those who played the game the right way with an emphasis on joy, fair play and friendship."

The funds for the Hall of Fame plaque were donated to the Association by the family of the late Johnny Avila Jr. Johnny was a long time association member who embodied the values earmarked for distinction by the election committee.

He played with a youthful exuberance that was contagious and hence the award bears his name – The Johnny Avila Jr. Award. The award will be presented during the induction ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Jack's Seafood Restaurant in Eureka (the foot of C Street). The luncheon will begin at 1 p.m. The ceremony is planned to take place outside but should the weather betray us the event will move inside the restaurant.

And so a tip of the old baseball cap to the Class of 2022 – thank you. Because of you the Association is busy planning another season of fun on our field of day dreams.

"We do not quit playing because we grow old; we grow old because we quit playing."

– Oliver Wendell Holmes

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE Registration for Arcata Recreation 2023 Youth Basketball League opened on Tuesday, Oct. 11. Registration closes for all divisions on Thursday, Nov. 10. Please be aware that some divisions do fill quickly and register early to guarantee a spot! This year, as the Recreation Division rebuilds the program, the Youth Basketball League will serve youth in first through sixth grades. Teams are based on gender and grade. Arcata's Youth Basketball program is committed to providing a fun and safe learning environment, while focusing on skill development and sportsmanship. Beginning the week of Jan. 9, teams practice one night per week (one hour per week) at the Arcata Community Center. Specific days and times will be determined by coaches. Games are played on Saturdays, from Jan. 14 to March 4 (no games will be held on Feb. 18). Program fees are \$80 for Arcata residents and \$92.50 for non-residents and includes a team T-shirt. Register online at cityofarcata.org/rec or in-person through the Recreation office. Scholarships covering a percentage of the activity fee are available to youth from income qualifying households. Contact the Recreation Division for more information on how to apply for the scholarship. Additionally, local businesses, community groups and individuals can become a Team Sponsor for \$300. The sponsorship fee assists in offsetting costs of the program and all sponsorships go directly to support Arcata Youth Basketball League. Sponsors will get their name on the team uniforms and receive a plaque with a team picture. Volunteer coaches are also needed! For additional information, please visit cityofarcata.org/rec or contact the Arcata Recreation Division by email at rec@cityofarcata.org or by calling (707) 822-7091. Right, a 2020 Arcata Youth Basketball League game at the Arcata Community Center.



McK traffic perspectives

I read with interest the article head-lined “McKMAC reviews draft bike-ped improvements” in the Oct. 5 issue.

Although I live in Trinidad, I shop regularly in McKinleyville. I just counted up the number of businesses in which I spend money there: three food stores, two pharmacies, two auto service businesses, two hardware stores, three restaurants, a garden shop, an office supply, a thrift store, and a book store. I also visit one bank, the library, the senior center, and the farmers’ market in season. I believe that this gives me a voice in the design of street improvements.

I do support bicycle lanes and the bright green ones are a boon to riders and drivers alike. I also walk in McKinleyville when I am doing my laundry and I like the side-walks with their curves and landscaping.

But narrowing the lanes for cars seems to me to be problematic. Pickup trucks are getting bigger and wider every year, so much so that many truck drivers have become road hogs and, even worse, parking space hogs. (Folks, if you can’t park your truck between two lines, maybe it’s time to get a smaller truck!)

I am not an engineer so I can’t offer a better solution to the proposed designs, particularly on Central Avenue, but I just want to say that it can already be difficult to drive on Central next to a pickup truck that needs or wants all of its designated lane and more. Making the lanes more narrow will only add to that problem.

Please consider that many drivers have chosen smaller cars for economic or environmental reasons. It can be intimidating to be driving a smaller car and have a giant truck veer into your lane. Yes, I do own a pickup truck as well as my old car, but it is a little, old 1991 Toyota.

Everyone’s safety is important and narrowing lanes is a safety issue. If the goal is to slow down traffic, as the article states, how about some emphasis on speeding tickets? Have you ever seen a speeding driver pulled over on Central Avenue? I haven’t, yet I have seen many vehicles exceed the speed limit there.

Sincerely,
Janine Volkmar
Trinidad

Propaganda season

Lately, I have been thinking about propaganda. It has been with humanity as long as there have been tribes. Samples have been unearthed by archaeologists dating back beyond 350 BCE.

Webster’s defines propaganda as “the spreading of ideas, information, or rumor for the purpose of helping or injuring an institution, a cause, or a person; ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to further one’s cause or to damage an opposing cause.”

I would say that it started with this year’s election cycle, but we have been experiencing high-octane propaganda for the past seven to eight years.

The political ads, online or on TV, have gotten so slick that your really have to investigate everything. Take, for example, Propositions 26 and 27 on the upcoming ballot in the California General Election.

Gambling is illegal in California. Cards, slot machines and Bingo have all been outlawed except, of course if you own an Indian casino on Indian land. And while, for the most part, these casinos are exempt from Federal Corporate Tax, they are required to make arrangements with the states who tax their revenue. Now they are asking us to legalize online gambling in California. Or at least that is what the propaganda is trying hard NOT to say. On-line gambling will take even more money out of our state.

Gambling is one of the fastest growing and most devastating addictions in our state. And of course, it effects the poor much more

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than the rich. A rich man gambles in the stock market, the poor man goes to his nearest Indian casino. The two proposals, while attempting to seem different, will accomplish the same thing – separate people, who can barely afford to live, from their money.

And who benefits? The Tribes and the sponsors of the bills – Draft Kings, FanDuel and their ilk. While these may raise some tax revenues, they will also come with the state paying tens of millions of dollars to regulate this industry. The real push for these California Constitutional Amendments comes because two years of the COVID restrictions that kept people out of casinos.

Please vote NO on both of these propositions. Please carefully read about all propositions and pay attention to the Fiscal Impact report that follows the description of the propositions. If it costs too much, just vote no.

Speaking of propaganda, Brett Watson managed to talk one of our local news stations into interviewing him so he could plead his case. The segment was filmed at the Arcata City Hall.

Hey, Arcata City Council, is he allowed into the building without an escort? By allowing him to film inside the building, aren’t you tacitly backing his claims? Shame on all of you.

Thank you for listening,
Jan Phelps
Arcata

Juan, for clean elections

Juan Pablo Cervantes is my clear choice for county clerk, recorder and registrar of voters. He is smart and experienced in successfully managing the elections division, which is by far the most complex of the divisions overseen by this position.

If his experience isn’t enough, check out his endorsements. Those that understand the intricacies of this position are endorsing Juan.

Please join me and others in supporting Juan Pablo’s candidacy to ensure the continued accuracy, transparency and credibility of our elections.

Karen Suiker
Eureka

Cervantes is qualified

I support Juan Pablo Cervantes for Clerk, Recorder, Registrar of Voters and encourage you to support and vote for him. Here’s why:

I have a long abiding and vested interest in elections having managed elections in Humboldt County from 1991 to 2007 and in Solano County from 2007 to 2012. It’s important that we have a Registrar who understands election laws, regulations, and processes and has confidence in the overall election system. Those qualifications are essential for voters to accept election results.

Only one candidate has these qualities: Juan Pablo Cervantes. Only one candidate believes Joe Biden won the 2020 Presidential Election: Juan Pablo Cervantes.

Non-presidential elections typically have low voter turnouts but they have the most local offices and issues. Please vote and when you do, vote for Juan Pablo Cervantes.

Lindsey McWilliams
Arcata

Matthews, White for Arcata City Council

This election I’m voting for Arcata City Councilmember Meredith Matthews and Arcata Planning Commissioner Kimberley White. Meredith hit the ground running over a year ago when she joined the council, advocating for housing, economic development and our environment. She speaks with strength and clarity as our community endures acts of hate and as the council navigates ongoing hostility by a colleague.

Kimberley has served on the Arcata Planning Commission for three years and works tirelessly to strengthen our community in Valley West. We need effective and proven leadership from Valley West who will not only continue this much-needed work, but bring this energy to address city-wide challenges.

I don’t agree with either candidate 100 percent and I don’t expect to. Heck, my husband and I don’t even agree 100 percent of the time! So I’m voting for the only candidates that have both the experience and integrity necessary to lead our community through major transitions.

I hope you’ll join me in voting for Meredith Matthews and Kimberley White by November 8.

Sofia Pereira
Arcata

Meredith serves Arcata

My name is Kait Angus (also known as “Kiki”) and I am a local business owner, community advocate, and I’m also on the board of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce. I’m a queer, Indigenous woman, artist, and activist of sorts. I volunteer a lot of my time towards bettering our local community here in Humboldt by providing queer safe-spaces, mediation services, supporting local non-profits, and mutual aid services, etc. Many of my core values revolve around inclusion, and creating a culture that promotes diversity and equity among residents of all backgrounds. It is my goal to build a future in Humboldt that embraces and celebrates a colorful, rich, cultural experience that is so desperately needed in order for this community to thrive long-term. All this to say that as a very busy, and focused person, I reserve my time and energy for those who I believe will serve this community and are too, focused on building, creating, and serving Arcata. I only serve those who are working tirelessly to lay the foundation for future generations to build upon, because that servitude is mutual. There is little time to waste on frivolous promises and meandering/waffling ideologies. We must take action now, and that is why I am endorsing Meredith Matthews for City Council. In my experience working alongside her in many different respects (as a business owner working with City Council, as well as professionally, as peers on the board of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce), she has proven time and time again to be an incredible ally to our Indigenous communities, BIPOC communities, as well as the LGBTQIA+ community. She has displayed courage and bravery many times in her willingness to speak out against hate, and to stand up for those marginalized communities who don’t always get a say at the table. I believe her work to be import-

ant, and her to be a grounded, and passionate human being. I also believe that it would be a misstep for this community to sleep on this important decision, and to miss this opportunity to have a great ally, and a powerful voice to advocate for our cherished marginalized communities in Arcata.

Thank you,
Kiki (Kait Angus)
Business owner at Kiki Planet in Arcata

Hank and Mara

The first place my eyes travel to every week when I get my copy of the *Mad River Union* is the column DOGTOWN, written by Mara Segal. Her column in the Sept. 7 issue was dedicated to her beloved canine and co-writer, Hank. I was thrilled to meet him at this year’s Kinetic Grand Championship. I felt like celebrity was in my midst!

Hank’s story shows the powerful potency the effects of love and patience have with dogs whose adopters persevere and believe in them. What a story beautifully told. Hank, indeed, fell into some magnificent hands!

My heart is filled with gratitude for people like Mara, Redwood Pals and the volunteers who give of their time to the shelter animals. They are heroes in my book. So many dogs who end up at the shelter are often times experiencing past trauma, neglect, abandonment and pairing with previous owners whose personalities and lifestyles may have been poorly matched resulting in negative behaviors. There is a need for extra patience and love in order to heal from a past that may have not always been in a dog’s best interest and welfare.

My condolences to Mara. As someone who has lost a dog that owned my heart and taught me lessons about life, I know how sad it is to say that forever good-bye.

I’m going to miss Hank’s columns. He was a dog-gone good journalist!

Mairead Dodd
Eureka

Honor Society thanks

The local Nursing Honor Society chapter Sigma Theta Tau-Omicron Omega would like to extend a sincere thank you to Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Arcata for the use of their parking lot for the annual rummage sale in September. With their help we were able to raise over \$2,500 to provide nursing scholarships in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. The scholarships have supported nursing students at College of the Redwoods, Bachelor of Science nursing students and advanced practice nursing students in our communities. In addition we recognize the outstanding work of nurses providing care that goes above and beyond. We are proud to recognize the nurses who stand out, such as Mark Teri, RN leader who manages the Sarah Carson House, a home for hospice patients.

The Honor Society of Nursing is a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society where the mission is to help in the development of nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere. We conduct this mission by bringing together nurses in our community, supporting the outstanding work they do and building strong nursing community. And we could not do that without the support of community partners!

Janis Polos
Arcata

KEET fora continue

HUMBOLDT – In partnership with KEET-TV, the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County presents a series of Candidate Forums during October in preparation for the Nov. 8, 2022 election.

The fora offer the community an opportunity to hear candidate responses to questions posed by the public and the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County. The fora all start at 7 p.m.

The fora will also be available on KEET’s YouTube channel to view after the live broadcasts.

Send in your questions early to allow time for the LWVHC to organize the submissions. Email leaguehumboldt@gmail.com.

The KEET phone lines open at 6:45 p.m. on the nights of the forums. We ask that you have your questions prepared to dictate to the League volunteer.

The number to call is (707) 445-0811.

- Wednesday, Oct. 12, Humboldt County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters

❖ ELECTION 2022

- Monday, Oct. 17, Arcata City Council
- Wednesday, Oct. 19, Fortuna City Council

Trinidad forum

A Trinidad Candidate and Ballot Measure P Public Forum takes place Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

The League of Women Voters will moderate a forum to meet the candidates for Trinidad City Council, and introduce ballot Measure P.

Meeting agenda and video-conference login information will be published to the City website. Participants are welcome to attend in-person or by video-conference.

Election prep 101

Get ready for the Nov. 8 General Election. The Humboldt County Office of Elections encourages Humboldt County voters to get

prepared for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Voters may vote safely at home and return vote-by-mail ballots in the following ways:

Mail it on or before Election Day, no postage is required.

Drop it off at any county vote-by-mail drop box location. Drop boxes will be sealed on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m.

Drop it off in person at any of the county’s polling places on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

For a list of vote-by-mail drop box and polling place locations, please visit the Office of Election’s Voting Options web page.

On the day of the election, polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. At polling place locations, voters can:

- Vote using accessible voting machines.
- Receive translation services in 72 languages.
- Get a replacement ballot.

- Drop off a vote-by-mail ballot.

- Vote on a precinct ballot.
- Update voter registration.
- Conditionally register to vote.
- Vote on a provisional ballot.

Voters are encouraged to vote early as those who chose to vote in-person should prepare for long lines. Voters who have received a vote-by-mail ballot who wish to vote in person must bring their vote-by-mail ballot to surrender so they can vote a using a precinct ballot.

Voters may subscribe to WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to track their ballots, receive personalized text messages, emails or voicemails letting them know when their ballot is mailed, received, and counted by the Registrar of Voters.

For more information, please call the Office of Elections at (707) 445-7481 or email humboldt_elections@co.humboldt.ca.us.

For more information on the upcoming General Election, please visit the Statewide General Elections web page. To register to

vote or check your voter registration status online, please visit the county’s Voter Registration web page, humboldtgov.org/890/Elections-Voter-Registration.

HCDCC endorses Cervantes

An error was made in the list of Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee candidate endorsements sent out on October 2.

In addition to those listed previously, the HCDCC wholeheartedly endorses Juan Pablo Cervantes for the position of Humboldt County County Clerk, Recorder and Registrar of Voters.

This endorsement was made in April 2022 for the primary election and we continue to endorse this highly qualified candidate for the November 8, 2022 election. HCDCC asks voters to support him as well.

We look forward to healthy voter turnout and productive election on Nov. 8, 2022.

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THE EXIT THEATRE *Waking Sam Beckett* features Marc Gabriel, right, and EXIT Theatre artistic director Christina Augello.

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‘Waking Sam Beckett’

THE EXIT THEATRE

ARCATA PLAZA –EXIT Theatre Presents *Waking Sam Beckett* – a Godot-inspired existential comedy – over the next two weekends.

The play will be performed on Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. The same schedule will take place the following weekend, Friday, Oct. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 23

Imagine Samuel Beckett’s characters Gogo and Didi burying their creator and questioning what does this mean? Do they have to keep waiting? Come find out in this new Godot inspired reverie. written by and featuring Marc Gabriel and EXIT Theatre artistic director Christina Augello with directorial support by Patricia Hume.

EXIT Theatre is a 40-year-old theater company, originally founded in San Francisco, with a long history of producing existential plays from the theatre of the absurd including plays by Samuel Beckett, Jean Genet, and over 20 plays by Eugene Ionesco. Since 2020 EXIT Theatre has been presenting work at its 35 seat studio theater on the Plaza in Arcata. EXIT Theatre Arcata is located at 890 G St., second floor, on the Arcata Plaza. Tickets \$15 at eventbrite.com/e/422586245837 or at the door, paid for with cash.

MACABRE CABARET Back from the Virtual Land of the Dead, the Dell’Arte Company presents *The 2022 Macabre Cabaret* at the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake, 131 H St. from Thursday, Oct. 13 to Saturday, Oct. 15. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the shows start at 8 p.m. This will be a raucous night filled with Eldritch horrors, comedy of the occult, grotesque acts, witchy wonders and live music. Specialty elixirs (cocktails) will be served courtesy of the High Priest of Eldritch and his minions. Tickets are available at the door, by phone, and online at dellarte.com and cost \$20, with discounted \$15 tickets for students and seniors. Content is appropriate for ages 18-plus.



LOCAL ART Check out Antoinette Magyar’s “Artist Renditions from the Pandemic: Reunion and Celebration” at Umpqua Bank. It includes works from Magyar, left, and other artists. Visit the Fire Arts Center on South G Street to see ceramic works by Diedre Pike, right, and others.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

❖ ARTS! ARCATA

Beer garden, Caribbean jazz on the Arcata Plaza

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – Celebrate the visual and performing arts in during Arts! Arcata Friday, Oct. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. We want to welcome all our community members to come out and visit with us for a lively night market of local art displayed in our downtown stores.

As an additional bonus, this month the center of the Arcata Plaza will be converted into a beer garden and will feature live Caribbean Jazz Music, local art vendors, and a very special announcement introducing the new executive director for Arcata Main Street at 5:15 p.m. sharp!

The following are the participating venues:

- **Arcata Artisans**, 883 H St. – Featured artists for October are ceramicist Elaine Y. Shore and photographer Vaughn Hutchins.
- **Arcata Gallery**, 1063 H St. – Monthly featured artists, DJ music, live art and reception from 4 to 9 p.m.
- **Arcata Playhouse**, 1251 Ninth St. – *A Knock at the Door* at 8 p.m. with Belgium’s Teatro Pachuco and company GIOLISU featuring Humboldt performer Rudi Galindo and Italian dancer/choreographer Lisa Da Boit.
- **The Creative Sanctuary**, 1301 J St. – Portraits by Moxie Saturday and Afrocentrism by SoulBunni. This bright figurative show by two local artists fills the space with vibrant portraits of our community members and neon-pastel Afrocentric beings – real and imagined. Artist Reception is from 6 to 9 p.m.
- **EXIT Theatre**, 890 G St., up-

stairs –Opening night for *Waking Sam Beckett* featuring Christina Augello and Marc Gabriel. Tickets are \$15, more information can be found at theexit.org.

- **Fire Arts Center Gallery**, 520 South G St. – Jessi Von Floto and Deidre Pike, two local ceramic artists and Fire Arts members, will be exhibiting their fantastical clay creatures at the Fire Arts Gallery during October. They will be hosting a reception during Arts! Arcata.

- **Garden Gate**, 905 H St. – Continuing show featuring artists Augustus Clark and Allison Curtis.

- **Global Village Gallery**, 973 H St. – Featured artist for October is muralist of the 10th and H streets building Tamar Atik, who will have a reception and sale of her work for Arts! Arcata including paintings, prints, and stickers.

- **Humboldt Cactus Company**, 1034 H St. – Art, succulents, cacti, local pottery, and Plantasia live music celebration.

- **Humboldt Haberdashery**, 959 H St. – Celebrating their Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting at 4p. All are invited to check out the new space!

- **InfuZions**, 863 H St. – Featured artist for October is Monica Star, creating art to serve the collective remembrance of our divine natural euphoria and magical creative power. The Monica Star Boutique is now part of InfuZions on the plaza! Reception includes live music, tea, live art, and more.

- **Jacoby Storehouse**, 791 Eighth St. – Jay Brown Art & Design

will be open for viewing and a chance to visit a working art studio from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and music will be playing. Plaza Grill on the 2nd Floor features Mixed Media Works on Paper by Jay Brown for October with a reception with the artist 7:30 to 9 p.m.

- **Moonrise Herbs**, 826 G St. – Featuring wonderful weavings and oil paintings from artist Gabrielle Luo as well as ink and mixed media work centered around woman and nature by Sophia Isabella.

- **Outer Space Arcata**, 837 H St. – Live music & art

- **Plaza**, 808 G St. – Continuing show featuring Carol Anderson, Kathryn Stotler, and Jimmy Callian.

- **The Griffin**, 937 10th St. –Live modeling by Joyce Jonte and Redwood Model Co, art, and DJ music throughout the evening.

- **The Jam**, 915 H St. – The Jam will be hosting Whomp! Local music and acts featuring Suds, Meeshroom, and Norman starting at 9 p.m. Cover is \$10 at the door.

- **The Thing**, 833 H St. –First monthly Open Mic showcase from 6 to 10 p.m. starring talented members of the community in a space filled with art and inspiration. All ages welcome, please come early to sign up.

- **Umpqua Bank Upstairs Gallery**, 1063 G St. – Antoinette Magyar presents “Artist Renditions from the Pandemic: Reunion and Celebration” featuring Jeff Stanley, Guy Joy, Antoinette Magyar, Stock Schluter, Michelle Murphy Ferguson, John Crater and many more. Artist reception during Arts! Arcata.

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BARBERSHOP MUSIC IS BACK! The Humboldt Harmonaires will present their first *Beer and Peanuts* shows since the pandemic. The group will welcome back fans of barbershop music on Friday, Oct. 14 at Azalea Hall in McKinleyville and on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Monday Club in Fortuna. Barbershop tradition sets the event time at 6:59 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and includes free beer and sodas as well as free popcorn and peanuts. Tickets will be on sale at the door or can be bought by calling (707) 834-0909.

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NO BALLS DINNER & DANCE Put on your dancing shoes and come to the party! Companion Animal Foundation and Humboldt Spay Neuter Clinic are bringing you a Spay-Ghetti and NO Balls Dinner and Dance Party on Saturday, Oct 15 at the D Street Community Center. Shake some tail to The Undercovers, prowl the silent auction and enjoy a dog gone great pasta dinner! All proceeds will help those in need with the cost of spaying and neutering their pets. Are you concerned about

pet overpopulation and access to affordable spaying and neutering services, this is the event for you. This FUN-draiser starts at 6 p.m.! Weather permitting, kitties and pups on site to meet. Tickets at Wildberries, Brown Paper Tickets and both non-profit organizations.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS Los Bagels, Centro del Pueblo, El Centro Académico Cultural, Playhouse Arts, and Arcata Main Street present a special celebration of Dia de los Muertos

on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a procession from Cal Poly Humboldt at 4 p.m., a visit to the Jardín Santuario at 11th and F streets, and then a community celebration and potluck at the Los Bagels parking lot. Music, dance, a street mural, bread, and more will be part of this event! There will also be a special community Ofrenda at Jacoby’s Storehouse from Oct. 23 to Nov. 2.

BAROQUE AND ROMAN-

TIC-ERA WORKS Fresh Humboldt-based string orchestra presents Baroque and Romantic-era works in their inaugural concert on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St. in Eureka. Local musicians have come together to play from the vast repertoire of music for string orchestra. Violinists Reid Blickenstaff, Aurora Pitts, Gwen Post and Julie Fulkerson; violist Holly MacDonell; cellist Jesse Alm; and bassist Dario Olachea present mu-

sic by Bach, Brahms, Handel, and Dvorak. They perform in the architectural and acoustic gem, Christ Episcopal Church. COVID precautions: Unvaccinated individuals are requested to wear masks. Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. Off-street parking is available at the corner of 14th and G Streets. Handicapped accessible entrance is on 15th Street, between G and H streets. Admission is free; donations to support the musicians are gratefully accepted.

Native artists featured at gallery

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – Cal Poly Humboldt’s Goudi’ni Native American Arts Gallery presents *Recalling From The Source*, a continuation of the local, long-standing exhibition series.

Featuring works by 30-plus Native artists, this exhibition highlights the creative efforts of the local tribal community.

Recalling From The Source continues the exhibition series previously known variously as *From The Source* or the *Indian Arts Festival*, and has been hosted across the past 35 years by the Ink People Center For the Arts, Humboldt Arts Council, and United Indian Health Services.

Highlighting the creative



ON DISPLAY AT CAL POLY Colleen Markusen (Yurok), *Prayer Bird*, 2019, acrylic on canvas, courtesy of the artist.

works of local Native artists whose work ranges from beadwork, painting, regalia making, basket weaving, and sculpture; giving us a snapshot of the currents within the North West Coast Native Arts community.

The exhibition will host an Opening Reception as a part of the Cal Poly Humboldt’s Indigenous Peoples Week on Thursday, Oct 13 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Goudi’ni Gallery. All are welcome to attend.

Open to in-person viewing four days a week, and presented virtually at art.humboldt.edu/galleries. We welcome visitors to our in-person viewing hours at the Goudi’ni Gallery starting Friday, Oct 14: Wednesday to Thursday from noon to 6 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Goudi’ni Gallery is located on the bottom floor of the Behavioral & Social Sciences Building at Union and 17th streets

ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE Riff Raff will perform Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. Riff Raff is a famed American singer-songwriter whose music incorporates elements of folk, rock, blues, alt country and funk. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$35 and are available by visiting arcatatheatrelounge.com. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

GRATEFUL DEAD CLASSICS Bearly Dead will perform Wednesday, Oct. 12 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 Tenth Street in Arcata. Bearly Dead is an all-star cast of players with deep roots in the New England jam and festival scene. While the band plays all of the Grateful Dead classics, they also dive into an extended catalog, which may include any song that any member of the Dead ever performed. With over 230 songs in rotation and new material being added all the time. Doors open at 8:30 p.m, show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

A KNOCK AT THE DOOR *A Knock at the Door* will be staged on Friday, Oct. 14 at the Arcata Playhouse at 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata. On the border between dream and reality, two strange characters lead us into a surreal universe inspired by silent cinema and the paintings of René Magritte. *A Knock at the Door* was created by Belgium’s Teatro Pachuco and company GIOLISU, featuring Humboldt performer Rudi Galindo and Italian dancer/choreographer Lisa Da Boit. The show is a physical theater exploration that uses dance, clowning and movement to tell a story of hope and imagination. All ages. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and at the door, and \$10 for students and seniors. For more information, call (707) 269-1910 or visit arcataplayhouse.org.

THE HOTTEST TICKET INDEED Todd Sheaffer (Railroad Earth) and Chris Thompson (Coral Creek) will perform Friday, Oct. 14 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 Tenth St.

in Arcata. Esteemed songwriter and Railroad Earth frontman Todd Sheaffer hits the road this fall playing a run of intimate shows, joined by Colorado songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Chris Thompson of Coral Creek. These shows feature the songs that have made Railroad Earth one of the hottest tickets on the newgrass and jam band festival circuit, presented by Sheaffer in a solo format with instrumental accompaniment by Thompson on guitar and bass. Doors open at 7:30 p.m, show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$30 in advance and at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit humbrews.com.

THE LOGGER Flynnn Martin will perform Saturday, Oct. 15 at The Logger at 510 Railroad Ave. in Blue Lake. Flynnn Martin is Eileen Flynnn Bell and David Martin Peterson. The two met through the Bay Areas music scene in 2015. They have since been a part of many projects, bands, festivals and events together. With a wide variety of musical influences and decades of experience between them as professional musicians, they bring depth and passion to everything they do. They breathe new life into familiar songs and guide the listener on a journey of the human experience. The show starts at 5 p.m. 21 and over. For more information, call (707) 668-5000 or visit loggerbar.com.

MARGO CILKER CenterArts welcomes Margo Cilker with special guest Bart Budwig to the West Lounge of the Student Activity Center on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. Margo Cilker is a woman who drinks deeply of life, and her debut record *Pohorylle* is brimming with it. Cilker has toured extensively across the US and internationally, and is a staple in the independentfestival circuit. Cilker gives gentle nods to Lucinda Williams, Townes Van Zandt, and Gillian Welch in her performances. For information visit centerarts.humboldt.edu.

SARA BAREILLES CONCERT The internationally-acclaimed musician, actor and writer Sara Bareilles is returning home to



Sara Bareilles

perform a special community concert on Sunday, Oct. 16, at Halvorsen Park on the Eureka waterfront. Gates open at 1 p.m. and live music is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The concert is sold out, which is why this announcement is buried on page 11, but if you were not one of the lucky ones to snag a free ticket, at least you’ll know what’s going down on the waterfront. Or maybe it would be a good time to go for a paddle! Concert goers are invited to bring picnic baskets or soft-sided coolers, folding chairs, and blankets. On-site food trucks and beverage vendors will also offer refreshments for purchase, and all vendors will be donating a portion of their proceeds to local non-profit organizations. A free city shuttle will help bring attendees to the event from several designated special event parking locations across the city. Bareilles has chosen two acts with local ties – Mario Matteoli and Huckleberry Flint – to share the stage on what is sure to be a memorable afternoon.

AFTERNOON OF JAZZ Laura Hennings and Friends will grace the Rotunda with their tunes during An Afternoon of Jazz at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. Eureka on Sunday, Oct. 16,from 3 to 5 pm. The ensemble consists of Laura Hen-

nings, vocals; Tim Claasen, bass; Jonathan Claasen, drums; and Bob Ebenstein, piano. The group will be performing American jazz standards, classic rock, blues & pop standards with a touch of jazz styling. Suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2 students/seniors/military, and free for museum members, children under 18, and families with an EBT card.

DEAD TRIBUTE Grateful Shred will perform Sunday, Oct. 16 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. After a meteoric rise from obscurity to a national touring band, Los Angeles-based Grateful Shred has made the most of its time in the spotlight. The lineup, featuring Dan Horne and Austin McCutchen alongside keyboardist Adam MacDougall woke the Grateful Dead cosmos with a unique laid-back harmony-driven sound. The band literally went from playing the Shakedown Street vendor area prior to Dead and Company shows to touring the United States. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$23 and are available by visiting arcatatheatrelounge.com. For more information, call (707) 630-5000.

SOUNDS LIKE A MONSTER Arcata Playhouse presents, “Sounds (like) a Monster” featuring Jonathan Townes (guitar), John Wood (piano), Shane Fox (drums), Alex Montesdeoca (upright bass), Russ Thallheimer (tenor sax), Nicholas Dominic Talvola (trumpet) on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8 to 10 p.m. Grab a glass of wine or a monster cocktail, sit back and enjoy an evening of original compositions and improvisations while watching sci-fi monster movies.

COMING UP Hot Buttered Rum will perform at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Friday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. An Evening of ’Drums N Bass’ with DJ Jon Kennedy takes place Friday, Oct. 28 at Humbrews. Green-sky Bluegrass will perform at the Blue Lake Casino on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. Kane-koza performs Friday, Nov. 4 at Humbrews. Zepparella will perform at the Blue Lake Casino on Friday, Nov. 18 at 9 p.m.

She Kills Monsters promises a 'good night out' with fight scenes & more

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT
CAL POLY HUMBOLDT – The Department of Dance, Music, and Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt and the Associated Students presents *She Kills Monsters* written by Qui Nguyen and directed by Sarah Peters Gonzales.
Opening night is Friday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the John Van Duzer Theatre. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 senior/child/student, and free for Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at centerarts.humboldt.edu.
Proof of COVID vaccination and booster is still required for all guests on campus. At press time, the wearing of facemasks is not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged.
She Kills Monsters tells the story of Agnes Evans (played by

Miah Carter), an average woman who loses her parents and little sister Tilly (Geneva Bell) in a car accident. Having been very distant from her sister while she was alive, Agnes embarks on an adventure to get to know her sister better by playing a Dungeons & Dragons module that Tilly had written, and discovers things she'd never imagined.
“The story is about trying to understand someone who died too soon,” says director Sarah Peters Gonzales. “This theme especially feels appropriate after getting through the years of being apart, afraid to come together in person, with unexpected losses of loved ones. In a different show, this might feel really heavy, but this show effectively lets you think about those sad feelings with tons of laughs and stage combat.”
The play is indeed full of

laughs, stage combat – and monsters! The game Dungeons and Dragons is the central story-telling device of the play. The party members characters – and the monsters, fairies, and various big bad bosses they battle – are brought to life by actors in costume and make-up, but also using puppets, lighting, and even film techniques.
“As a person who has played D&D for years with my family, it feels great to see a show that successfully incorporates the elements that make the game such a fun, imaginative part of our life. The D&D world is the perfect landscape to tell this meaningful story,” said Peters Gonzales.
While many of the show’s jokes are rooted in the gameplay of D&D the show is also full of ’90s’ references “...the show does a great job of bridging different

generations. It’s set in the 1990s. The cast members and designers, whether they lived during the ’90s or not, are having a great time with the cultural references which are influencing everything in the show from the lights to the costumes to the music,” Peter Gonzales said of the show’s design and aesthetic.
Head stage manager Erika McCall is helming the backstage of *She Kills Monsters*. “This is my second time stage managing a production of *She Kills Monsters*!” McCall Exclaims. They previously Stage Managed the Zoom production *She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms*. When asked why people should come see the show, McCall quipped “Besides dragons, D&D, and fun loveable characters?” They continued, “If they’re not familiar with the show, I think they’ll be surprised about how the

story ends. It’s not your typical "they lived happily ever after". It’s more bittersweet.”
Actor Geneva Bell, who plays the role of Tilly responded, “Fight scenes!” also, “It’s queer and funny, what more do you need?” Director Peters Gonzales adds, “It has all the feels. People should come see *She Kills Monsters* because it will be a good night out.”
Adult Language. All humans, elves, orcs, demons, and other mythical beings 15-plus year of age welcome.
The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, Saturday, Oct. 22, Friday, Oct. 28, and Saturday, Oct. 29. Matinee performances take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23 and Sunday, Oct. 30. Proof of vaccination and boosters is required. For tickets visit centerarts.humboldt.edu or call (707) 826-3928.

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9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

DONALD RAY CLARK CASE NO.: PR2200281
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

DONALD RAY CLARK, aka DON RAY CLARK

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JARSON CLARK; DARL CLARK-MILLER; TONYA D. CLARK in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: JASON CLARK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: OCT. 27, 2022
Time: 1:31 PM
Dept.: 6

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections

with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

PETITIONER: JASON CLARK
7620 E. BROADWAY AVE. SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99212
9/28, 10/5, 10/12

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PATEISHA JULIE ANNA FERRIS
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

CASE NO. CV2201474
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: PATEISHA JULIE ANNA FERRIS

TO Proposed name: PATEISHA JULIE ANNA ALVARADO

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may

grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: Dec. 2, 2022
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

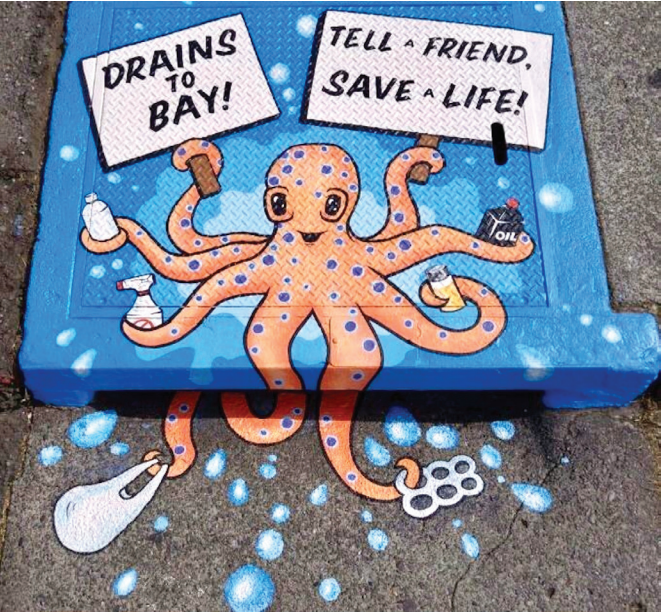
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: Oct. 7, 2022
TIMOTHY A. CANNING
Judge of the Superior Court

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EIGHT-ARMED ADVISOR Artist Raphael Leiblum’s Downstream Design art featured on Arcata’s storm drain located at G and 17th streets. CITY OF ARCATA PHOTO

Be prepared for the rain – protect the drain!

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata is committed to improving stormwater runoff that enters our local waterbodies, such as our numerous creeks and Humboldt Bay.

Stormwater is rain that is not absorbed into the ground, but instead runs directly into storm drains.

Storm drains are separate from the wastewater treatment system, meaning the runoff is not filtered or treated like it would through a treatment system, soil, or plants.

Stormwater runoff directly enters the local waterways. The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm our local creeks and Humboldt Bay.

Remember, only rain should go down the storm drain!

Here are some stormwater pollution prevention measures residents can take to help protect our local water quality:

1. Never wash anything into a storm drain: Park your car on a lawn or gravel driveway for washing or take to a designated car wash.
2. Maintain your vehicle: Inspect and maintain your vehicle regularly to prevent or stop leaks.
3. Properly dispose of hazardous waste: Take unwanted, toxic household cleaners, paint thinners, and any other

hazardous waste to Humboldt Waste Management Authority’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility on West Hawthorne St. in Eureka, Calif.

Use pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers sparingly and according to label instructions.

Never apply them if rain is in the forecast. When possible, use non-toxic alternatives.

4. Pick-up pet waste: Properly dispose of your pet’s waste in a garbage can.

5. Control sediment erosion: Prevent dirt and debris from construction sites from entering storm drains by using silt fences or other Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

For more information on preventing stormwater pollution, please visit cityofarcata.org/352/Stormwater.

The Environmental Services Department is also available to assist with additional questions about stormwater pollution and best management practices.

For more information or to report a spill or improper discharge on an Arcata street, road, storm drain or waterway, please call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 or email eservices@cityofarcata.org.

Community members may also call the North Coast Stormwater Coalition toll free at 1-707-2STORM2 to report active pollution and stormwater concerns.

For more information, please visit northcoaststormwatercoalition.org.



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MARSH BIRDING Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. October often brings many migrants, including sanderlings, sandpipers, other waders, and ducks! Bring your binoculars and meet trip leader Gary Friedrichsen at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails, and a great diversity of birdlife.



MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 15. Meet leader Paul Johnson at 2 p.m. in the

lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk. Masks are recommended but not required inside the building, regardless of COVID vaccination status. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

EUREKA WATERFRONT Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., with leader Ralph Bucher. This relatively urban trail offers the potential to observe species abundance and diversity compared to many more remote locations. This walk is on a flat, paved trail that is wheelchair accessible. Email Ralph to sign up for this field trip at thebook@reninet.com.

CNPS PLANT SALE In case you missed the North Coast Chapter, California Native Plant Society (CNPS) fall plant sale, it will be open for additional discounted sales at specific times during the month of October. Come and shop at the volunteer-run nursery, located at Freshwater Farms Reserve, 5851 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, Saturdays in October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays in October from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All one-gallon trees and shrubs are 25 percent off (\$9), All 2-gallon shrubs are 40 percent off (\$9), perennial 1-gallons and 4-inch pots are 20 percent off (\$8 and \$4), selected perennials are 40 percent off (\$6) and all grasses are 40 percent off (\$6). Visit northcoastcnps.org. > *Plant Sales* to find a link to the list of all plants available for sale with links to information about each plant variety as well as the percent of the price reduction. Checks are the preferred method of payment or cash, though no change will be on-site during these times. Credit cards will be accepted. Please bring your own box to transport your plants home. Remember that fall is the best time to plant! By doing so, your new plants have the fall and winter rains to water them and the time to put in new roots before their spring growth starts.

Soroptimist grab-n-go meals at St. Mary’s

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
ARCATA – Soroptimist International of Arcata once again invites the public to enjoy a Grab-n-Go box meal, prepared by Cassaro’s Catering, on Thursday, Oct. 27. This event will assist us in raising funds to support our annual scholarship program.

There are three tasty box meal options which include a pulled pork sandwich box, chicken enchilada meal, and kale salad and brown rice box. All meals include sides and dessert for the price of \$15 each.

Orders must be placed by Monday, Oct. 24. Pick-up is Thursday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary’s Leavey Hall, 1730 Janes Rd. in Arcata.

Orders and payment can be sent to S. I. Arcata, P.O. Box 388, Arcata, CA 95518, by Monday, Oct. 24. Payment through Venmo is available.

Proceeds from this event will be used for scholarships for college-bound seniors from the Northern Humboldt Unified High School District.

For more information, please email siarcata@soroptimist.net or contact Lolita Beltramo at (707) 839-7441.

Soroptimist International of Arcata is a volunteer organization serving our community for over 69 years. Its mission is to provide women and girls access to education and training to achieve

Plan now to take 2023 certified Master Food Producer training

CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HUMBOLDT – The 2023 Certified Master Food Preserver Training is a high-quality training program that teaches all methods of food preservation as well as food safety and emergency preparedness. The MFPs then volunteer in the community to share this information through online and in-person demonstrations and presentations, and volunteer to complete behind-the-scenes essential work.

The training runs from January through May and includes 10 Zoom classes on Fridays and four in-person, hands-on Food Labs on Saturdays. The fee is \$200 and includes books and food lab material.

• **Information Meeting:** If you are interested in learning more about the Certified MFP training, please attend one of the mandatory 60-minute

Zoom information meeting on Friday, Oct. 21, at 12:00p.m. OR Friday, Nov. 18, at noon. Register at surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=39013.

• **Application:** To apply to the 2023 Certified MFP training, please submit the application by Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022. Complete the MFP application at surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=38863.

• **Interview:** All Certified MFP applicants will be interviewed during the week of Dec 5th so we may learn about your experience and wishes and you will learn about the MFP program expectations.

This program is offered by the University of California Cooperative Extension Office. Questions? Contact Dorina Espinoza, Youth, Families and Communities Advisor at (707) 445-7351 or dmespinoza@ucanr.edu.

CHP’s GEARS grant funds motorcycle safety campaign

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SACRAMENTO – The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will implement a yearlong federal grant to help save lives and reduce the risk associated with riding a motorcycle.

The goal of the Get Educated and Ride Safe (GEARS) grant is to decrease the number of motorcycle-involved crashes and victims through education and enforcement efforts across California through September 30, 2023.

From Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021, there were 7,078 motorcycle-involved crashes resulting in 354 deaths and 6,400 injuries within CHP jurisdiction, an increase of 3 percent over the previous 12 months.

“Motorcycle riders are statistically more likely to be injured or killed when involved in a crash,” said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. “In an effort to ensure every motorist reaches their destination safely, the CHP will continue to use enforcement and non-enforcement strategies, including education and community engagement, to target the leading causes of traffic deaths.”

During the grant period, the CHP will participate in a traffic safety education efforts, such as

“May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.”

These campaigns will promote the use of U.S. Department of Transportation-compliant helmets for all riders and raise driver awareness of sharing the road with motorcyclists.

The CHP will also increase enforcement in areas with a high number of motorcycle-involved crashes, which resulted from speed, improper turns, and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.


Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-

The HWMA Tire Recycling Program is back! Starts Sept 1st. Ends summer 2022.

The Hawthorne Street Transfer Station in Eureka will accept up to nine auto or light truck tires per day at no extra charge. It’s ok if they’re on rims. No business-generated tires please. This program is for household generated tires only.

Call or email us for details:

268-8680 or info@hwma.net



Humboldt Waste Management Authority
1059 W. Hawthorne St., Eureka, CA 95501

Hear Access Humboldt’s annual report, then enjoy music and refreshments

ACCESS HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – Access Humboldt holds its Annual Membership Meeting and Mixer Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at its new Community Media Center at College of The Redwoods, 7351 Tompkins Hill Rd., RBC-A (Building 10).

Every October, Access Humboldt holds its annual membership meeting. At these meetings, the board announces its new members, designated, elected and appointed, and Executive Director Sean McLaughlin gives an annual report.

Access Humboldt invites everyone to our new space for some networking, music and refreshments to celebrate our officially re-re-opening. Partake in a little intermingling with your fellow AH members and catch up on all things Access Humboldt!

Access Humboldt Annual meeting starts at 4 p.m. 5 p.m.: Board of Directors’ Meeting. 6 p.m.: party!

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